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The Hon. Sir K. V. Reddi Nayudu:—"I cannot say off-hand. I shall be very glad to give the information to the hon. Member."

Prisons and Prisoners

Resolution passed by the public of Tinnevelly recommending Mr. Devanayagayya, to be placed in the 'B' class.

* 328 *Q.*—Mr. U. C. Subrahmanya Bhatt: Will the Hon. the Law Member be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government have received a copy of a resolution passed by the public of Tinnevelly at a meeting requesting the Government to change the class of Mr. S. A. Devanayagayya, Member, Tamil Nadu Congress Committee, now a prisoner in the Trichinopoly Central Jail, from C to B class; if so, on what grounds was the recommendation made; and what the reply of the Government was; and

(*b*) whether it is a fact that he has been keeping ill-health?

A.—(*a*) Yes. It was urged that a change in the class was necessary in the interest of justice and humanity. The Government saw no reason to classify the prisoner in "B" class.

(*b*) The Government have no information.

Mrs. A. Rukmani Lakshmipathi:—"Will the Government call for information regarding the present state of health of Mr. Devanayagayya?"

The Hon. Sir K. V. Reddi Nayudu:—"I have no objection."

Mrs. A. Rukmani Lakshmipathi:—"Will the Government consider it an act of kindness to see that the classification of this prisoner is changed?"

The Hon. Sir K. V. Reddi Nayudu:—"It is not a question of any kindness. It is a question of the observance of the rules."

Mrs. A. Rukmani Lakshmipathi:—"Kindness in view of the fact that the present state of health of the prisoner is not satisfactory?"

The Hon. Sir K. V. Reddi Nayudu:—"If his present state of health is really not satisfactory, that matter will be considered."

Irrigation

Proposals for the improvement of irrigation sources in Malabar and South Kanara.

* 329 *Q.*—Mr. A. B. Shetty: Will the Hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government have called for proposals from the Collectors of Malabar and South Kanara for the improvement of irrigation sources in those districts;

(*b*) whether the Government have approved of any minor irrigation schemes in the two districts and, if so, what they are and what the amounts sanctioned for them are;